## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 165 By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Mari Julianne Billington, 2003 Salutatorian of Smith County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Mari Julianne Billington is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2003 graduating class at Smith County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mari Billington has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Billington has earned an exemplary 4.51 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her outstanding achievement in the classroom, Mari Billington was recognized as the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen and was the Winner of the TECA Washington Youth Tour Writing Contest; she was also a valuable member of the volleyball team; and

WHEREAS, Mari Billington's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Billington's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom and Pam Billington, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Mari Billington's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2003 Smith County High School Salutatorian, Mari Julianne Billington, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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